

Meeting Minutes

MARCH 4, 2013
7:00 p.m.

NEW CARROLLTON LIBRARY
7414 Riverdale Road, New Carrollton, Maryland

Commission Name	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
Name of Commission Chair	Chair Auriel A. Fenwick
Commission Administrator/ Staff Present	Keith Colston, Administrative Director Elizabeth Hines, Director of Ethnic Commissions Agnes M. Smith, Project Coordinator
Guest Speakers	
List of Attendees	Chairwoman Auriel A. Fenwick, Vice Chair Thomas W. Windsor II, Virginia Busby, Robert Killen, Wanda Lee, Guy Wells, Leanora Winters
Absent	Kathryn E. Robbins Fitzhugh

The Meeting was called by Chairwoman Auriel A. Fenwick. Motion for approval of minutes from public meeting on February 4, 2013. 1st Vice Chair Thomas Windsor/2nd Commissioner Guy Wells. Prayer Mr. Robert Gadjys. It was noted that Commissioner Kathy Fitzhugh hospitalized. Praying and hoping for a speedy recovery. Vice Chair Thomas Windsor II noted that the agenda for the meeting had been set.

Topics

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR E. KEITH COLSTON
REPORT/ADVISORY COMMITTEE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Summary Of Discussion	Assistant Director Colston's report gave a synopsis of the meetings attended, festivals, conference calls, site visits, etc. since the previous meeting. He noted that his Assistant Director's Report will be made available on-line. There are no updates on the Advisory Committee		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE COMMISSIONER LEANORA E. WINTERS

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Leanora E. Winters noted there were no updates. Dr. Marcie Thoma has been in touch with Commissioner Wanda Lee. There is no timeframe in terms of curriculum. There might be a possibility of some contact concerning some opportunities. Chair Auriel Fenwick wanted to know where she could help. It was noted that good progress has been made. Ms. Debbie Henry noted that she has been in touch briefly with Ms. Mary Davis since she's been in China. They don't allow the use of FaceBook, etc. so it was a brief while she was on holiday in Hong Kong. Not much information. MSDE has millions of dollars to write curriculum and the Indian Commission received no support. Administrative Director Colston will contact Dr. Thoma and see status.		
Conclusions			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
Contact Dr. Marcie Thoma	Keith Colston	N/A	

SWEAT LODGE COMMITTEE

COMMISSIONER GUY WELLS

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Guy Wells noted that all the circles at the prisons are doing well. Information was forwarded to Administrative Director Colston in reference to Mr. Blose who is going to ECI. Also another gentleman has expressed interest in being involved with WCI. Both ECI and WCI are doing great.		
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REBURIAL WORKING GROUP

COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Virginia Busby noted that they are waiting for the ground to thaw in Western Maryland. Could be sometime in April pending weather. Vice Chair Windsor noted that this is the final process. Everyone else is in the ground. Once this is taken care of, it can be commemorated on web-site. Respect the dead. Thank you letters, etc. can go out. Need to try and be low key. Maybe at one of the commission meetings have a little more spread, invite people from the Trust. Working with the tribes must be kept very quiet. At the Native American Heritage Month do a commemorative event.		
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JOHN SMITH TRAIL

COMMISSIONER VIRGINIA BUSBY

Summary Of Discussion	Commissioner Busby noted that on February 20, there was a conference call on the John Smith Trail. Working on the different segments for the Potomac, Sussquehana, etc. Potomac very important to Native Americans. Increase access, if you want to contact and have direct input directly to the parks from the tribes, etc. Vice Chair Windsor noted for the community to write out a standard e-mail with bullet points to John Smith Water Trail people. Contact the DNR who is assisting Parks on how monies are dispersed.		
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NEEDS ASSESSMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR KEITH COLSTON

Summary Of Discussion	Please work with communities to get this information out. Piscataway Conoy Tribe has been in contact. They changed the questions for the needs assessment to meet their needs. It was also noted that the UMCP had already done a needs assessment and they were wondering where that was (3 years ago) Dr. Hussein? This will be checked out.		
Conclusions			

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Announcements

Norris Howard - Discussion about Executive Session/General Session, Minutes approval at General Session, Open Meeting Laws (read requirements).

Fred Nordhorn Prince George's County Commissioner - Goes around in November to the different schools, and want to know if any information is available. He also wanted to know about the Executive Order in Maryland to give State Recognition. In Vermont the next Governor came and rescinded it. Director Elizabeth Hines noted that 30 days after it was approved by the Governor, it was approved by State Legislators.

National Veterans Creative Art Festival - deadline usually February 1

Motion to Adjourn

1st Commissioner Robert Killen/2nd Vice Chair Thomas Windsor

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.